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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Administrative Law Division
Office of General Counsel

FROM:
Director of Security

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Changes to Executive
Order 12065, "National Security Information"

1. We have reviewed the changes to Executive Order 12065 proposed by the National Security Agency and, in general, interpose no objection except the two which you have already identified, specifically paragraphs 4 and 8 of the National Security Agency memorandum.

2. The National Security Agency contends that Section 1-301 of the current Executive Order 12065 fails to adequately protect cryptologic activities. However, we note they use the more general term "intelligence matters" in their discussion paper (page 8) when making their point of the lack of specificity in the current Order. The actual wording in the Section is "intelligence activities, sources and methods," which we believe is sufficiently descriptive to protect the specific activities of concern to the National Security Agency. We, therefore, recommend retaining the current wording of this Section.

3. Regarding Section 4-2 of Executive Order 12065, we support your concern that the proposed wording would give compartmentation authority to each department or agency originating sources and methods information, and would divorce signals intelligence from other intelligence. We do not believe that is advisable and recommend rejection of the proposed change to Section 4-2.

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